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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Proposed programme of work for the substantive session of 1993

(Geneva, 28 June-30 July 1993)

Week of 28 June-2 July

(High-level segment: 28-30 June)

Monday, 28 June

10 a.m.		Opening of the session
	Item 1	Adoption of the agenda
	Item 2	World Summit for Social Development, including the role of the United Nations system in promoting social development
3 p.m.	Item 2	World Summit for Social Development, including the role of the United Nations system in promoting social development (continued)

Tuesday, 29 June

10 a.m.	Item 3	Policy dialogue and discussion on important developments in the world economy and international economic cooperation with heads of multilateral financial and trade institutions of the United Nations system

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Tuesday, 29 June (continued)

3 p.m.	Item 3	Policy dialogue and discussion on important developments in the world economy and international economic cooperation with heads of multilateral financial and trade institutions of the United Nations system (concluded)

Wednesday, 30 June

10 a.m.	Item 2	World Summit for Social Development, including the role of the United Nations system in promoting social development (concluded)
3 p.m.	Item 4	Conclusion of the high-level segment

PLENARY

(Coordination segment: 1-6 July)

Thursday, 1 July

10 a.m.	Item 1	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
	Item 2	Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following theme: (a) Coordination of humanitarian assistance: emergency relief and the continuum to rehabilitation and development Précis presentations by executive heads
3 p.m.	Item 2 (a)	General discussion (continued)
6 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 2 (a)

Friday, 2 July

10 a.m.	Item 2 (a)	General discussion (continued)
3 p.m.	Item 2 (a)	General discussion (concluded)

Week of 5-9 July

Monday, 5 July

10 a.m.	Item 2 (b)	Coordination of the activities of the United Nations system in the fields of preventive action and intensification of the struggle against malaria and diarrhoeal diseases, in particular cholera Précis presentations by executive heads
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 2 (b)
3 p.m.	Item 2 (b)	General discussion (continued)

Tuesday, 6 July

10 a.m.	Item 2 (b)	General discussion (continued)
3 p.m.	Item 2 (b)	General discussion (concluded)

(Operational activities segment: 7-9 July)

Wednesday, 7 July

10 a.m.	Item 3	Operational activities for development Introduction and general discussion
3 p.m.	Item 3	General discussion (continued)

Thursday, 8 July

10 a.m.	Item 3	General discussion (continued)
3 p.m.	Item 3	General discussion (continued)
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 2 (a) and (b)
6 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 3

Friday, 9 July

10 a.m.	Item 3	General discussion (continued)
3 p.m.	Item 3	General discussion (concluded) Introduction of draft proposals under item 2 (a) and (b)
6 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 12

Week of 12-16 July

Monday, 12 July

10 a.m.	Item 12	Statistical and cartographic questions: (a) Statistics (b) Cartography Introduction and general discussion

Tuesday, 13 July		
10 a.m.	Item 12	General discussion (concluded)
3 p.m.	Item 4	Coordination questions:* (a) Reports of the coordination bodies; (c) International cooperation in the field of informatics; (d) Question of a United Nations Year for Tolerance; (e) Multisectoral collaboration on tobacco or health Introduction and general discussion
6 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 4 (a) (b) (c) (e)
Wednesday, 14 July		
3 p.m.	Item 4 (a) (c) (d) (e)	General discussion (concluded)
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 10
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 3
Thursday, 15 July		
10 a.m.	Item 10	Non-governmental organizations
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 5

* Under this item, the Council will also consider those questions which fall under the general heading of item 4.

Friday, 16 July		
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 11
3 p.m.	Item 5	Programme and related questions: (a) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 (b) Calendar of conferences
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 12
Week of 19-23 July		
Monday, 19 July		
10 a.m.	Item 11	United Nations University
3 p.m.	Item 9	Sustainable development Introduction and general discussion
6 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 9
Tuesday, 20 July		
10 a.m.	Item 9	General discussion (continued)
3 p.m.	Item 9	General discussion (concluded)
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 4 (a) (c) (d) (e)
Wednesday, 21 July		
10 a.m.	Item 6	Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance: (a) Special programmes of economic assistance (b) Humanitarian assistance Introduction and general discussion
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 6
3 p.m.	Item 6	General discussion (concluded)
6 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 7
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 10

Thursday, 22 July		
10 a.m.	Item 8	Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 4 (b)
1 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 5 (a) and (b)
3 p.m.	Item 7	International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction
Friday, 23 July		
10 a.m.	Item 4	Coordination questions: (b) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations
		General discussion (concluded)
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 13
3 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 11
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 9
Week of 26-30 July		
Monday, 26 July		
10 a.m.	Item 13	Report of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees
3 p.m.		Informal consultations on plenary items
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 6, 7 and 8

Tuesday, 27 July	
10 a.m.	Introduction of draft proposals
	Informal consultations on plenary items
1 p.m.	Deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 4 (b) and 13
Wednesday, 28 July	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Informal consultations on plenary items
Thursday, 29 July	
10 a.m.	Consideration of the reports of the sessional Committees
3 p.m.	Action on draft proposals on plenary items
Friday, 30 July	
10 a.m.	Action on all outstanding draft proposals on plenary items
	Consideration of the reports of the sessional Committees
3 p.m.	Consideration of remaining reports of the sessional Committees
	Conclusion of the work of the substantive session of 1993

ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Week of 12-16 July

Monday, 12 July

10 a.m.		Election of officers
		Organization of work
	Item 14	Regional cooperation
		Introduction and general discussion
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 14
3 p.m.	Item 14	Regional cooperation (concluded)

Tuesday, 13 July

10 a.m.	Item 15	Development and international economic cooperation: (a) Trade and development (b) Food and agricultural development (c) Science and technology for development (e) Natural resources
		Introduction and general discussion
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 15 (a) (b) (c) (e)
3 p.m.	Item 15 (a) (b) (c) (e)	General discussion (concluded)
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 14

Wednesday, 14 July

10 a.m.		Introduction of draft proposals submitted under item 14
	Item 15	Development and international economic cooperation: (f) Population questions (g) Human settlements (h) Environment (i) Desertification and drought
		Introduction and general discussion

Wednesday, 14 July (continued)

1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 15 (f) (g) (h) (i)
3 p.m.		General discussion on item 15 (f) (g) (h) (i) (concluded)
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 15 (a) (b) (c) (e)

Thursday, 15 July

10 a.m.		Introduction of draft proposals submitted under item 15 (a) (b) (c) (e)
	Item 15	Development and international economic cooperation*
		Consideration of the World Economic Survey, 1993
	Item 15	Development and international economic cooperation:* (d) Transnational corporations (j) Transport of dangerous goods (l) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries
		Introduction and general discussion
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 15* and (d) (j) (l)
3 p.m.		General discussion of item 15* and (d) (j) (l) (concluded)
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 15 (f) (g) (h) (i)

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* Under this item, the Council will also consider those questions which fall under the general heading of item 15.

Friday, 16 July

10 a.m.		Introduction of draft proposals submitted under item 15 (f) (g) (h) (i)
	Item 15	Development and international economic cooperation: (k) Effective mobilization and integration of women in development (m) Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)
	Item 16	Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories
		Introduction and general discussion
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 15 (k) (m) and item 16
3 p.m.		General discussion on item 15 (k) (m) and item 16 (concluded)
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 15* and (d) (j) (l)

Week of 19-23 July

Monday, 19 July

10 a.m.	Introduction of draft proposals submitted under item 15* and (d) (j) (l)
	Informal consultations
3 p.m.	Informal consultations
6 p.m.	Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 15 (k) (m) and item 16

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* Under this item, the Council will also consider those questions which fall under the general heading of item 15.

Tuesday, 20 July		
10 a.m.		Introduction of draft proposals submitted under item 15 (k) (m) and item 16
		Informal consultations
3 p.m.		Informal consultations
Wednesday, 21 July		
10 a.m.		Informal consultations
3 p.m.		Informal consultations
Thursday, 22 July		
10 a.m.	Item 14	Action on draft proposals
	Item 15	Action on draft proposals
		Informal consultations
3 p.m.	Item 15	Action on draft proposals (continued)
	Item 16	Action on draft proposals
		Informal consultations
Friday, 23 July		
10 a.m.		Action on all outstanding draft proposals
3 p.m.		Conclusion of the work of the Economic Committee

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Week of 5-9 July

Wednesday, 7 July

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		Election of officers
		Organization of work
	Item 17	Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination
		Introduction and general discussion
	Item 19	Advancement of women
		Introduction and general discussion
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 17
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 17

Thursday, 8 July

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 17	General discussion (concluded)
		Action on draft proposals submitted under item 17
	Item 19	General discussion (continued)

Friday, 9 July

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 19	General discussion (continued)
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 19
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 19
	Item 20	Social development
		Introduction and general discussion

Week of 12-16 July

Monday, 12 July

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 19	General discussion (concluded)
		Action on draft recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-seventh session
		Action on draft proposals submitted under item 19
	Item 20	General discussion (continued)

Tuesday, 13 July

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 20	General discussion (continued)
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 20
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 20
	Item 21	Narcotic drugs
		Introduction and general discussion

Wednesday, 14 July

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 20	General discussion (concluded)
		Action on draft recommendations contained in the report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-third session and in the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its second session
		Action on draft proposals submitted under item 20
	Item 21	General discussion (continued)

Thursday, 15 July		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 21	General discussion (continued)
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 21
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 21
	Item 18	Human rights questions
		Introduction and general discussion
Friday, 16 July		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 21	General discussion (concluded)
		Action on draft recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-sixth session
		Action on draft proposals submitted under item 21
	Item 18	General discussion (continued)
Week of 19-23 July		
Monday, 19 July		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 18	General discussion (continued)
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 18
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 18
Tuesday, 20 July		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 18	General discussion (continued)
Wednesday, 21 July		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 18	General discussion (continued)
		Action on draft proposals submitted under item 18

Thursday, 22 July

10 a.m and 3 p.m.	Item 18	General discussion (concluded) Action on draft recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its forty-ninth session Conclusion of the work of the Social Committee

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

The proposed programme of work for the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council of 1993 is based this year on the recommendations addressed to the Secretary-General in the annex to General Assembly resolutions 45/264 of 13 May 1991 and 46/235 of 13 April 1992 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields and on Council decision 1992/217 of 30 April 1992. Other relevant resolutions and decisions of the Council have also been taken into account.*

The substantive session of the Council of 1993 will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 28 June to 30 July.

A. Plenary meetings

The session will open at 10 o'clock on Monday, 28 June.

In addition to the items allocated for consideration in plenary meetings, the Council will also hold in plenary meeting, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/264, a high-level segment (28-30 June), a coordination segment (1-6 July) and an operational activities segment (7-9 July). A brief description of those segments is given below.

High-level segment (plenary) 28-30 June

The high-level segment, open to all Member States with ministerial participation, will be devoted to the consideration of the theme entitled "World Summit for Social Development, including the role of the United Nations system in promoting social development".

A one-day policy dialogue and discussion on important developments in the world economy and international economic cooperation will take place during this segment on 29 June. In this context, heads of multilateral financial and trade institutions of the United Nations system are invited to participate actively in this dialogue and discuss matters of mutual interest with a view to building areas of understanding.

During the three-day period, heads of delegations will be requested to make no more than three interventions of no longer than five minutes each and will be requested to circulate their main statements beforehand. A press conference or briefing session with the media will be organized for heads of delegation who so desire it.

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* See also Economic and Social Council resolutions 1988/77 of 29 July 1988 and 1989/114 of 28 July 1989.

Throughout the segment, the President of the Council is expected to take a leading role in stimulating interaction among the participants, summarizing the discussions as they progress and initiating the successive stages of the dialogue.

The main features of the deliberations of the high-level segment will be presented to the Council in the form of a summary by the President of the Council.

It is proposed that the list of speakers for the high-level segment be closed on 29 June at 1 p.m.

Coordination segment (plenary) 1-6 July

The coordination segment will be devoted to the coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies, organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system relating to the achievement of the economic and social objectives of the United Nations. Two themes were selected for this session by the Council in its decision 1993/205:

(a) Coordination of humanitarian assistance: emergency relief and the continuum to rehabilitation and development;

(b) Coordination of the activities of the United Nations system in the fields of preventive action and intensification of the struggle against malaria and diarrhoeal diseases, in particular cholera.

Executive heads of specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system invited to take part in the discussion will be requested to have their statements circulated beforehand.

The segment will begin with précis presentations of the statements of the executive heads most concerned with the subject-matter. They will be encouraged to identify coordination problems in the course of their interventions, including problems created by a lack of adequate coordination within Governments at the national level.

Without prejudice to the rights of all States to participate in the discussion, the regional and interest groups represented at the Council will be encouraged to select from among their number "discussion leaders" to undertake the necessary research work on the themes under discussion.

In its decision 1993/205 the Council also decided that the coordination segment would reach agreed conclusions containing specific recommendations on matters related to coordination addressed to the various parts of the United Nations system for implementation.

Operational activities segment (plenary) 7-9 July

The segment on operational activities of the United Nations system will focus, in particular, on the follow-up of policy recommendations and decisions of the General Assembly and coordination of operational activities on a

system-wide basis, taking into account Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/77.

B. Economic and Social Committees

The General Assembly decided that consideration of specific economic, social and related issues, including their programme implications, would be considered in two separate committees, meeting simultaneously to consider and take decisions on reports of the subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council and other relevant reports.

The meetings of the Economic Committee will convene after the operational activities segment, on 12 July.

The work of the Social Committee will begin immediately after the completion of the coordination segment, on 7 July.

The reports before these committees will be arranged in clusters, as appropriate, for consideration; discussions are to be decision-oriented, focusing on specific recommendations and issues, and are not to involve a general debate. The committees will also review and monitor the implementation of the decisions of the General Assembly in the economic, social and related fields.

The executive secretaries of the regional commissions will address the Economic Committee under item 14. In this connection, attention is drawn to the fact that the morning of Monday, 12 July, has been allocated for the statements of the executive secretaries. Considering that, as in previous years, delegations will have an opportunity to have an informal exchange of views with the executive secretaries, members may wish to take note of that date.

At its organizational session for 1993, the Council, in connection with the questions for consideration at its substantive session, inter alia, decided:

(a) To consider at its substantive session of 1993 the report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its thirty-ninth session and to authorize the Secretary-General to transmit directly to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session the report of the Board on the first part of its fortieth session;

(b) Subject to the outcome of discussions to be held at the resumed forty-seventh session of the General Assembly and in accordance with Assembly resolutions 47/150 of 18 December 1992 and 39/217 of 18 December 1984, to undertake, at its substantive session of 1993, an in-depth review of the report of the World Food Council on the work of its nineteenth session and to submit recommendations thereon to the Assembly for consideration and action;

(c) When reviewing at its substantive session of 1993 the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on its fourteenth session and the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its seventeenth session, it would not consider new draft proposals, except for specific recommendations contained in those reports that required action by the Council

and proposals on matters relating to the coordination aspects of the work of those bodies;

(d) To postpone consideration of the biennial progress report on the World Decade for Cultural Development requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/187 of 8 December 1986, and to combine that report with the global mid-term review of the Decade requested by the Assembly in its resolution 46/157 of 19 December 1991, which would be undertaken by the Council at its substantive session of 1994 and the Assembly at its forty-ninth session.

Availability of conference services

The attention of the Council is drawn to the following conference-servicing aspects of the substantive session:

(a) During the first week of the session (28 June-1 July), interpretation facilities will be provided for the plenary meetings. For the high-level segment (28-30 June) and for the coordination segment (1-6 July), interpretation facilities will be provided for the plenary meetings only. From 7-9 July, interpretation facilities will be provided for concurrent meetings of the plenary for the discussion on operational activities and for the Social Committee. For the weeks of 12-16 July and 19-23 July, interpretation facilities will be available for concurrent meetings of the plenary and the two committees;

(b) There is no provision for conference services for night meetings during the session;

(c) Beyond the conference services allocated to the Council (see subparagraph (a) above), no additional services will be available for informal consultations or for regional or group meetings. In the event of scheduled meetings being cancelled, it is anticipated that those services could be made available for such consultations;

(d) Unless otherwise specified, all meetings will begin punctually at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Summary records and statements in explanation of vote

In its decision 1992/288, the Council decided to discontinue, from 1993, summary records for its sessional committees. Delegations wishing their statements in explanation of vote to be reflected in the summary records of the Council should make such statements in plenary meetings, at the time the reports of the sessional committees are considered, without prejudice to any other statements that they may wish to make in the committees. In this connection, observers wishing to make statements on the recommendations contained in the reports of the sessional committees are requested to do so before statements in explanation of vote are made by members of the Council.

Statements in exercise of the right of reply

It is suggested that, bearing in mind the provisions of rule 46 of the Council's rules of procedure, the Council continue its practice concerning

statements in exercise of the right of reply, namely, that delegations should exercise their right of reply at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for that day and whenever such meetings are devoted to the consideration of the same item, that the number of interventions by any delegation at a given meeting should be limited to two per item, and that the first intervention be limited to five minutes and the second intervention be limited to three minutes.